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Bocar Wade, from left, Tolulope Kolawole and Jessie Jollymore of Hope Blooms at the Young Street Superstore on Thursday.  
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**MASSIVE RENOVATION**

## Sportsplex closure 'necessary'

**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

You've got about a year to figure out where you'll go instead. In June 2017, the Dartmouth Sportsplex will close its doors to undergo a massive renovation project that will take 16 months, and see the building completely gutted.

"We've made the difficult but necessary decision that we will have to close the facility for the project period," said Denise Schofield with the municipality's department of parks and recreation at a media event on Thursday.

She said they "explored the possibility of being able to do this project in phases, but ultimately determined that any attempts to even reopen small portions of the facility before the completion of all the work would ... dramatically increase the length of time and the cost of doing the work."

The Sportsplex arena will remain open because it has its own entrances and washrooms, but only for ice events like minor hockey. It won't be able to sustain larger events like graduations or concerts because it won't have enough fire exits.

The municipality is suggesting people use other facilities during the construction period, like the Findlay Centre and Dartmouth North Community Centre.

More coverage, see Page 6

## BUSINESS IS BLOOMING

The kids are all right — and their salad dressings are taking off  
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## THINGS TO DO ACROSS THE CITY THIS WEEKEND

From a Latin party night to patio weekend and new Arctic exhibit, there's something for everyone.



**Haley Ryan**  
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### 1 We All Go Fun Run memorial

The We All Go Fun Run is Saturday in memory of Jean-Michel Sylvain, a former Saint Mary's University football player who died this May after being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called osteosarcoma. A slogan the Huskies always chanted as they ran on the field was "One go, we all go!" and organizers say "that slogan lives on." The event is at Ridgestone Court in Stoneridge from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the run/walk around Hail Pond. A community BBQ, games and prizes will follow and funds raised go towards sending the family on a Disney Cruise.



### 2 Bike lane birthday

Everyone is invited to join the Halifax Cycling Coalition on Saturday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Centre on Agricola Street to celebrate the three-year anniversary of the day council approved the Windsor Street bike lane. The event features a family-friendly tour of the bike lane and two other lanes the HCC says have yet to be built. They are also taking the chance to celebrate council's recent approval of side guards for all city-owned and contracted trucks.



### 3 Patio Week

Summer is finally here and the Downtown Halifax Business Commission has partnered with dozens of restaurants and bars to celebrate Patio Week, which began Monday and continues until Saturday. The week-long party features special drinks, food and more, and with more than 40 patios downtown to choose from you'll never run out of options for soaking up the sun. Head to [downtownhalifax.ca/campaign/patio-week](http://downtownhalifax.ca/campaign/patio-week) for a list of patios and drink specials.



### 4 Spice up your life

Get ready to see some professional moves and dance the night away yourself for the GRAN Fiesta Salsa and Flamenco Latin Party at The Marquee on Gottingen Street this Friday. The event features a live showcase of dancers from Maria Osende's Flamenco Dance School, followed by an "explosive salsa dance party" with the vibrant band Latin Drama and DJ Slo-Mo. Flamenco starts 8 p.m., and dance party runs about 9 p.m. until midnight. Tickets: \$12 online at [mariaosende.com](http://mariaosende.com), or \$15 at the door.



### 5 Gonorth

Head to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic for the first weekend of their new temporary exhibit, North from Nova Scotia, showcasing our province's connections to the land, sea, animals and people of regions like Labrador, Greenland and the eastern Arctic. Visitors can examine a "mysterious cairn" containing information on how to live in harsh landscapes, Greenland sealskin kayak and its working replica, or learn about the adventures of the CSS Acadia, a 103-year-old veteran of northern waters.

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# Drug, money evidence missing

## INTERNAL AUDIT

### Police not sure if exhibits misplaced or destroyed

**Ben Jamieson**  
For Metro | Halifax

Halifax Regional Police say they are alarmed and continue to look into how close to 70 exhibits went missing

from their drug and money vaults.

The force issued a news release Thursday after an article was published that same day in The Coast reporting close to a 90 per cent failure rate by the HRP's Criminal Investigation Division in evidence continuity.

These missing items are part of a sample set of 500 exhibits examined during an audit by the HRP's Oversight & Risk Management Unit between June and November of 2015. The audit was con-



**We will make mistakes, it happens. It's how organizations respond to the mistakes to mitigate future mistakes and maintain that public trust.**

Supt. Jim Perrin

ducted after a HRP officer was charged with theft in connection with evidence from a drug investigation.

Police say they are still unsure where these missing exhibits are.

"It could be misplaced within the property room. It could be in court or it could have been destroyed legally,"

Supt. Jim Perrin told a group of media at police headquarters Thursday afternoon. "The audit didn't look into where else it could be."

Perrin said there's no reason to believe the items were taken illegally.

The audit outlines 34 recommendations made by senior officers in both the HRP

and the Halifax RCMP. These recommendations range from further audits and reviews of staff to infrastructure changes such as new locks and keys and new CCTV cameras.

There's no reason to believe any of the missing exhibits will have any impact on court cases, past or present, Perrin added.

"If [the exhibits] did involve a court case it just stands to reason that we would have been notified long before that," he said.

Currently there are 10,000 exhibits in the HRP vaults. This first audit was a "snap shot," said Perrin, adding it's a priority to work through the 34 recommendations by the end of the year. This would mean further investigations and possible changes to who interacts with exhibits and how evidence is handled.

## CRIME

### Police make arrest in Cameron death

Halifax police arrested a Dartmouth teen in the shooting death of Joseph Cameron on Thursday.

The force said in a release they arrested a 17-year-old male youth from Dartmouth around 8:30 a.m. at a residence on Spring Avenue.

The youth was in police custody Thursday for questioning.

On March 29 officers responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Spring Avenue and Mount Edward Road in Dartmouth, and found Cameron, 20, deceased on the sidewalk.

Police say the investigation led by the homicide unit is ongoing, and officers believe there are individuals that may have more information about this incident.

Cameron was the first of four recent homicides in Halifax, with Tyler Richards and Naricho Clayton both killed in Halifax during the week of April 17.

Daverico Downey was the



Joseph Cameron FACEBOOK

victim of another homicide in North Preston on April 23.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at 902-490-5016 or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers.

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**KRISTIN JOHNSTON KILLING ACCUSED TO APPEAR BY VIDEO LINK** Nicholas Butcher is escorted into Halifax provincial court in April. The man accused of second degree murder in the March killing of 32-year-old Kristin Johnston will appear in court by video link early next month. Butcher's lawyers — Kishan Persaud and Roger Burrill — appeared in Halifax provincial court on Thursday on his behalf, telling the court they were not ready to set dates for a preliminary inquiry because they hadn't had enough time to review the disclosure and compile a list of witnesses. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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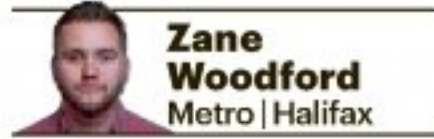
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# 'The future is now so enticing'

## DEVELOPMENT

## Extensive refit of Sportsplex 'a great day' for Dartmouth



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

The 34-year-old Dartmouth Sportsplex will be looking fresh when it reopens in September 2018, with a new gymnasium, new entrance, and "extensive improvements" to the swimming pool and slides.

"This is a great day, a great day not only for Dartmouth, but for surrounding areas," Dartmouth Coun. Gloria McCluskey said at a media event on Thursday.

"The residents have been very loyal to the Sportsplex. They've stayed here, even though it's tired and old."

Max Chauvin, general manager of the Sportsplex was visibly excited about the refit at the event on Thursday. He took reporters on a tour of



Workers strip the paint of the roof of the Dartmouth Sportsplex in 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

the existing facility, showing off what will be views of the harbour from a new cardio theatre, and the common room that will be doubled in size to make a gymnasium with two regulation sized basketball courts.

"The future is so enticing,"

**"We raised that pirate ship ourselves."**

Max Chauvin,  
Dartmouth Sportsplex

he said, calling the refit "vast improvements for relatively short term inconvenience."

The entrance off Thistle Street will be brighter, with skylights and an open staircase to the floor below.

The pool area will also benefit from more natural

light, and the plan is to add in a splash pad for kids on the pool deck. Some sacrifices have to be made, though, with the sauna and steam room being taken out.

The famed pirate ship will have to go as well.

"We've had that for many

**\$23 million**

The final price tag for the Sportsplex refit over the course of the three-year project.

years, and it's time for a refresh as well," Chauvin said.

He said the new slides will be safer, and better for people who aren't strong swimmers. But that doesn't mean he won't miss the old one a little bit.

"We raised that pirate ship ourselves," he said.

"We have incredible pride in that, but also we're going to have incredible pride in the next piece."

The refit is expected to cost the municipality \$23 million, which will be spread out over three budget years. The design should be finalized this fall, and council will approve a construction contract by the end of 2016.

Construction will begin in June 2017, and Chauvin said the plan is to keep the public updated every step of the way at [sportsplexrevolution.ca](http://sportsplexrevolution.ca)

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## ACCESSIBILITY

## More wheelchair dining options



**Haley Ryan**  
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Locals who use wheelchairs will have more options for eating outside this summer.

On Thursday, the Downtown Halifax Business Commission (DHBC) said they've added

three new, brightly painted, wheelchair-accessible picnic tables at Purdy's Wharf, the Halifax Waterfront, and across from Cabin Coffee at the corner of Salter and Hollis Street.

"We had noticed that HRM provided several accessible picnic tables in Grand Parade and thought it was a great idea and

the right thing to do," Paul MacKinnon of the DHBC said in the release.

"Everyone should have an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors sitting at our picnic tables throughout downtown."

All of the tables will stay outside through the summer until mid-to-late October.



## Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program

Halifax Transit is offering a limited number of monthly transit passes at a 50% discount to low income residents who qualify for the six month pilot program which will start in September 2016. Application forms will be available on July 4, 2016 for download online and at municipal Customer Service Centres.

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# 'It's a dream becoming a reality'

## HOPE BLOOMS

### Youth project awards first scholarship to first graduate



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

When Mamadou Wade joined the youth-operated community garden project Hope Blooms in 2010, he had no idea he'd be growing more than produce.

The project began as a seed of an idea and has blossomed into a successful enterprise that has youth growing more than 2,000 pounds of fresh produce each year in Halifax's north end.

That produce is used to produce fresh herb dressings that sell for \$8 per bottle. All proceeds go into a scholarship fund for Hope Blooms youth.

Wade is just completing Grade 12, making him the first "graduate" from the program and the first Hope Blooms scholarship fund recipient. He'll receive \$8,000 from the fund.

The scholarship was officially announced during a celebration event on Thursday at the Young Street Superstore.

Wade was 12 when he joined Hope Blooms in 2010.

In 2013, he led his peers during the group's successful business pitch to Canadian millionaires on CBC's *Dragon's Den*.

He said the leadership and entrepreneurial skills he developed through his involvement with the initiative led

to his receipt of a \$70,000 national leadership scholarship in addition to the Hope Blooms funding.

"Initially I wasn't much of a fan of gardening, I was more of a fan of the business side of things," Wade said in an interview following Thursday's celebration event.

"As time went on, I realized that food is a universal language and everyone can connect with food. Our salad dressing is basically a bottle of inspiration, and it holds so much in the bottle other than just salad dressing. It can change lives."

Wade said he has plans to create a summer tutoring program for youth in his north end neighbourhood to ensure they have an academic edge when they return to school in the fall.



**Our salad dressing is basically a bottle of inspiration ... It can change lives.**

Mamadou Wade

In September, Wade will pursue a commerce degree at either Dalhousie University or the University of Toronto.

"Our motto is 'plant a seed and harvest a dream' and so for me, it's a dream becoming a reality," Hope Blooms executive director and founder Jessie Jollymore said.

"It can't get any better. The biggest dream I had was seeing the youth go on to post secondary, and seeing the confidence being built, and for them to feel so empowered that they can do whatever they set their minds to."

The Hope Blooms scholarship program is open to Canadian students at least 16 years old living in Halifax's north end. They must be active members of the program for a minimum of four years, and pursuing full-time post secondary studies.



Mamadou Wade, left, smiles after being announced as the first recipient of the Hope Blooms Scholarship Fund Thursday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## + HOPE BLOOMS NEW DRESSINGS, EXPANDING ORIGINAL PLAN

The youth involved with the Hope Blooms project in Halifax's north end keep growing their product line and their distribution.

During a celebration event on Thursday, the director of corporate affairs for Loblaw's Canada announced that Hope Blooms dressings will now be sold at eight Halifax area Atlantic Superstore locations.

Mark Boudreau said since late last year, the dressings have been available at four local Superstore locations: Joseph Howe Drive, Barrington Street, Portland Street and Bedford.

Based on what Loblaw's described as "extraordinary sales to date," the dressings

will now also be available at the Young Street, Quinpool Road, Sackville and Braemar Drive locations.

"When we launched this partnership last November we were hoping to raise enough money to raise a university scholarship for a local kid. Well we didn't do that," Boudreau said. "Based on our sales to date our stores have actually sold enough dressings to fund six additional scholarships. That's six scholarships of up to \$8,000 each through Hope Blooms."

**Two new dressings:** Lemon smoked caesar, chipotle spiced oregano

**Original:** maple sage balsamic, fresh basil pesto.



Early days of Hope Blooms, prior to their new greenhouse or Dragon's Den fame. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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## NewLeaf turns over a new leaf ... again



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Winnipeg

We're back. That's the message Jim Young, CEO of discount airline seat reseller NewLeaf Travel, delivered during a press conference Thursday at the Winnipeg international airport, announcing the re-launch of the company after an aborted takeoff.

He said the last time the company held a news conference back in January, it was to announce they were suspending customer bookings until a licensing dispute was resolved with the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA).

The CTA ruled in March the company could operate legally as planned — selling discount airline seats without an air

license — if they make it clear they are a “reseller.”

“I am happy to announce that we are once again, as a reseller of airline seats, accepting customer bookings and that we will be taking to the skies July 25,” said Young. “We haven’t changed what we said we were going to do from the beginning.”

The only difference is this time around the company will offer direct flights to 12 cities compared to only seven. Those

**“I am happy to announce that we are once again, as a reseller of airline tickets, accepting customer bookings.”**

Jim Young

cities are Halifax, Moncton, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Kelowna, Kamloops, Fort St. John, Abbotsford and Victoria. Because the company is a reseller of airline seats, Young said Flair Airlines will operate flights on 156-seat planes from some of the country’s smaller airports, as oppose to major flight centres, as was initially intended.

## IN BRIEF

## Tire flies off car, smashes into home in Nova Scotia

Nick Battist was upstairs in his home on Tuesday shortly before 9 a.m. when he heard a bang and his house shook. When he looked outside, he saw a tire rolling away.

A wheel had detached from a vehicle driving down Highway 376 and hit the house. “I could hear some odd screeching. It was

probably the metal wheel scraping on the pavement,” said Battist.

The driver wasn’t hurt, and after Battist and his family helped pull the vehicle out of the ditch with a tractor, they were able to put the wheel back on and the driver was able to leave in the vehicle. The siding on the house was cracked but there was no other damage. TC MEDIA

## Street naming tribute ‘means a lot’ to Crosby

## SPORT

## Stanley Cup champion full of praise for his hometown

Sidney Crosby appeared pleased and possibly slightly embarrassed that a street in his Nova Scotia hometown might be renamed in his honour.

“I don’t know,” the 28-year-old Pittsburgh Penguins captain said candidly after the NHL Awards in Las Vegas Wednesday night when asked what he thought about Halifax council’s vote to consider a Sidney Crosby street.

“Um, it’s a compliment. Definitely something that I don’t think necessarily needs to be done, but like I said it’s a compliment if they feel that strongly and want to do that then that means a lot to me.”

Crosby’s childhood coach proposed renaming Forest Hills Parkway in suburban Cole Harbour after the Penguins won their second Stanley Cup this month, with Crosby named MVP.

The local councillor, Lorelei Nicoll, brought the idea to regional council, which voted unanimously Tuesday to ask staff to prepare a report before a vote next month.

Speaking to reporters in Las Vegas Wednesday, Crosby acknowledged the place his



Streamers and confetti fall around Pittsburgh Penguins’ Sidney Crosby as he holds onto the Stanley Cup while riding along in the victory parade route in Pittsburgh, on June 15 of this year.

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hometown has in his heart.

Crosby also strongly hinted he will take the Stanley Cup with him to Nova Scotia, as he famously did after the Penguins won their first cup in 2009.

Back then, a military Sea King helicopter carrying Crosby and the cup landed on the flight deck of HMCS Preserver at the Halifax Dockyard. He stepped onto a wharf, the cup aloft over his head, to cheers from hundreds of fans. Thou-

**“It’s a compliment if they feel that strongly and want to do that then that means a lot to me.”**

Sidney Crosby

sands lined a parade route in his honour.

Asked if he’d try to top that

moment with his second cup, Crosby said: “I don’t know if I’m going to try. It was pretty special ... going up in the helicopter and bringing the cup in that way.”

“I think second time around, those memories are unique and special; you don’t try to repeat them necessarily, you just try to reach as many people as you can and you know, that’s what I’ll do for a couple days as best as I can.”

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A rendering of potential commercial space. HANDOUT

## Airport seeks out retailers

### DEVELOPMENT

### 17.2 acres of land for Core Commercial Lands project

**Ben Jamieson**  
For Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport is hoping to be the next hot spot for all of the city's consumer needs.

The land to the left of the airport is being developed into commercial space designed for restaurants, retailers, hotels and offices.

Currently there are 17.2 acres of land for the Core Commercial Lands project, with the potential for a further 4.2 acres for offices.

There is already an Irving gas station, Subway and Tim Hortons operating in the commercial area.

"In an ideal world, there would be construction by the fall," Glen Boone, Director of Real Estate and Commercial Development with the Halifax International Airport Authority, said Thursday.

However, he said there aren't any developments planned at the moment.

Colliers International has been tasked with soliciting interest from businesses.

They're selling the new commercial space as an in-

vestment in the city's future, citing the \$129 billion projected investment in the city's economic growth as a reason to lease space.

This figure comes from what the airport says is a multitude of projects expected to stimulate the city and province's economy, including the \$30-billion federal shipbuilding contract.

The development will have both design-build options, which gives tenants freedom to create their own space, and the option for negotiable land lease agreements of up to 60 years.

This new development comes after the completion of the airport's one-way loop road system, designed to fix congestion problems facing travelers.

This loop road will encompass the Core Commercial Lands, creating a distinct separate area from the terminals.

Further developments are planned for the airport, including a new 2,330-space parkade, new road systems, and improvements to the domestic and international arrivals areas.

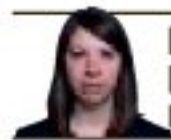


**In an ideal world, there would be construction by the fall.**

Glen Boone

### COMMUNITY

## Centre Plan meeting targets growth



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The latest public meeting around the Centre Plan will be this Monday, asking the question "how will we grow neighbourhoods in our Regional Centre?"

The municipal Planning & Development team is host-

ing an open house about the Centre Plan project from 6 - 9 p.m. Monday, with the presentation repeated at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Citadel High School's Portia White Atrium.

According to a release from HRM, the Centre Plan team will share their analysis of different growth scenarios for the Regional Centre, which includes the Halifax Penin-

sula and Dartmouth inside the Circumferential Highway.

Various options for distribution of development, and what design and scale of buildings may be used will be discussed, as well as what opportunities and challenges those bring.

Another round of smaller workshops on the Centre Plan will be hosted over the summer as the city digs

"deeper into the policy process," and results of the analysis will be shared.

### + DETAILS

More details from earlier May meetings can be found online at [centreplan.ca](http://centreplan.ca).

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# Vintage rock gig making rounds online

## MUSIC

### Several gems in footage from Tragically Hip's 1990 tour



Jeff Harper  
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While you may not have been able to get tickets to the Tragically Hip this summer, you can check out their vintage show at the Misty Moon now making the rounds on social media.

Filmed live in 1990 for Much Music, the band plays some high energy hits from their then recently released Up To Here album, and even a few gems from Road Apples, which was released the fol-

## + VIDEO

Check out the one hour performance online at [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca), or the Metro Halifax Facebook Page.

lowing year.

At one point lead singer Gord Downie exclaims "This maritime air — it does strange things to my head!"



Stills from a 1990 Misty Moon Tragically Hip Show. SCREENGAB, YOUTUBE



Milne Court Petro-Canada father and son duo Sean and Scott Fraser hold the door for Lynn Fougere. TC MEDIA

## NEW MINAS

### 'She was having the time of her life'

A New Minas gas station worker is becoming an online celebrity following an enchanting encounter with a customer.

Sean Fraser received an unusual request from the customer, a senior known solely to the Milne Court Petro-Canada staff as the "Petite Belle from Britain," during his shift at the station on Commercial Street on Sunday.

The woman, flanked by her grinning husband, asked if Fraser would fancy a dance.

"I had never gotten a request like that before," he said Wednesday.

An admitted two-left-feet kind of dancer, a beaming Fraser obliged. The belle grabbed his arms and he followed her lead, intently focusing his gaze on his dance partner. She started singing a song that, to Fraser, sounded like a tune from the 1950s.

"She was telling me how she used to love to go dancing and singing," the 22-year-old said.

With the convenience store as their ballroom, they swayed by bags of Frito Lays and twirled amongst the ice cream coolers.

"I'm not much of a dancer, I'm sort of clumsy... she made that dance happen," Fraser said.

"It was really cool, obviously not something that happens every day. She was having the time of her life and I was happy

to allow her to have a little bit of fun."

And then the belle was gone — but the moment lives on.

Someone on Milne Court's staff posted a video of the dance to the store's Facebook page on Tuesday. As of Wednesday, the video had been viewed more than 37,000 times.

Fraser said everyone at the store strives to go above and beyond for the customers — giving them a break from the ordinary. He was shocked to see the video of the dance go viral online.

"It's stuff that we do here every day and it's not just me; it's every single staff member," he said.

"It's nice to give people an excuse to see the good in society."

That said, Fraser feels pretty lucky to be the guy who danced with the Petite Belle.

"She was a hoot," he said. "She's a very sweet lady, very lovely."

For Fraser's father, Milne Court Petro-Canada owner Scott Fraser, the moment was nothing short of heartwarming.

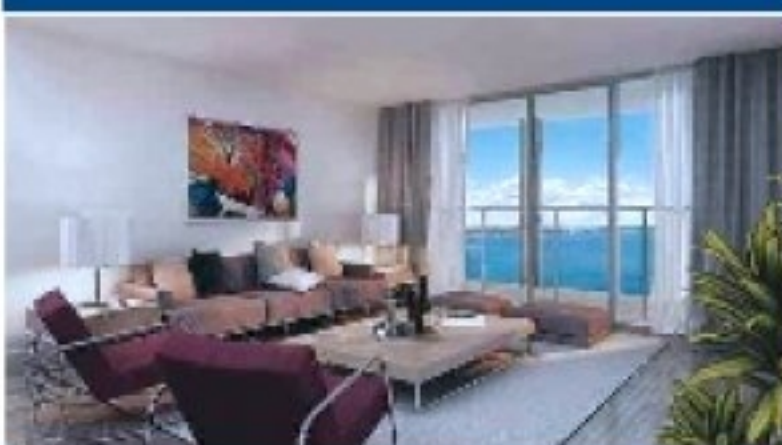
"We posted the video because we thought it was really special and it kind of reinforced what we do here," he said.

"I thought it showed tremendous empathy and character."

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**"I had never gotten a request like that before."**

Sean Fraser



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# Solar boat finds shade

## MARINE PROJECT

### Unmanned kayak is cut adrift in a sea of loneliness

An unmanned kayak, powered by the sun and the ambitions of two young engineers, may be taking a more leisurely route across Atlantic than originally planned.

The lonely Solar Voyager set off from Gloucester, Mass., on June 1 in a bid to become the first autonomous boat to make the transatlantic voyage.

But according to its Twitter feed, the sleek 250-kilogram kayak has become adrift off Nova Scotia's east coast after possibly getting snarled in fishing gear.

The feed says the project team temporarily halted one of its two motors Wednesday as it was headed further away from land, and that the other motor and rudder were not



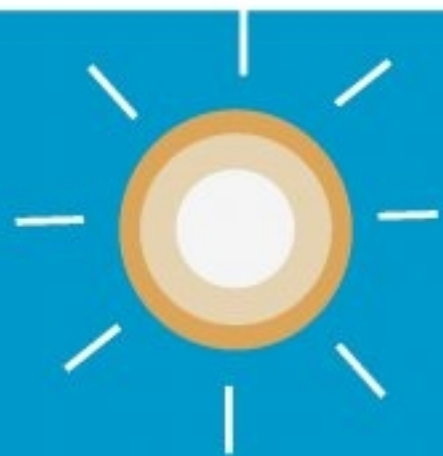
**The Solar Voyager vessel.**  
TWITTER

working properly.

The team, made up of two engineers now working in Singapore, says it's hoping fishermen on the Grand Banks find the boat and free it from the nets.

A post on Sunday described dragging that was so violent it blocked transmissions from the satellite modem on board the four-metre-long aluminum boat, which has two solar panels as its main power source.

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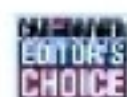
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This is the fourth year the show has been filmed in Colchester County, with Julian, Bubbles and Ricky calling Bible Hill Estates their Sunnyvale home. METRO FILE

# Trailer Park Boys back in N.S.

## TELEVISION

### Filming for season 11 sees the cast land in Truro jail cells

Sunnyvale is back up and running as the cast and crew of Trailer Park Boys have begun filming their next season.

Shaun Clarke, location manager, said 10 episodes are being filmed in and around Colchester County for season 11 of the show, which airs on Netflix.

"This is one of the funniest seasons we've ever done," he said while the cast and crew filmed inside jail cells of the Truro Police Service.

"All three boys are back; Snoop will be here only by Skype, but we have our regu-

lar line-up of incredible talent."

Snoop Dogg was in Truro a year ago for his appearance in Season 10.

Clarke was a vault when it came to hints of what's in store for the coming season. Suffice to say, however, another visit to police lockup was inevitable.

This is the fourth year the show has been filmed in Colchester County, with the characters Bubbles, Ricky and Julian



**It's amazing how helpful everyone is.**

Shaun Clarke

(played by Mike Smith, Robb Wells and JP Tremblay, respectively) calling Bible Hill Estates their Sunnyvale home. While each season has various set lo-

cations, Clarke said this one is "particularly location-driven."

"We'll be filming in Harmony, Onslow, Bible Hill — other than the trailer park — Eastern Passage, Truro," he said, adding some work was also done in Millbrook.

"They're out of the park quite a bit this season, and I have to say, the level of co-operation and respect everyone has given us has been exem-

plary. It's amazing how helpful everyone is. People seem to go out of their way for us, but I think that's just their general nature here in Truro."

It's often hard to put a price on use of locations, such as Truro's police facilities, Clarke said, so they will make a donation to a charity whenever possible.

Filming is expected to wrap up the first week of July. TC MEDIA

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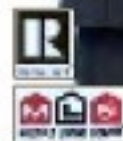
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Sen. Mike Duffy leaves the courthouse after being acquitted on all charges on April 21 in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Mike Duffy still on hook for expenses

## POLITICS

### Senator previously acquitted on 31 charges

The interminable spectre of the Mike Duffy spending scandal reared its ugly head yet again Thursday as the Senate found itself once more locked in a battle with the controversial senator over dubious expenses.

This time, however, the expenses in question were from claims well-canvassed during Duffy's criminal trial, which ended earlier this year in his sena-

tional acquittal on 31 charges of fraud, breach of trust and bribery.

In that acquittal, Ontario Court Judge Charles Vaillancourt excoriated the Senate for spending rules that lacked clarity and oversight, allowing senators to claim expenses for anything related to what they deemed Senate business.

The Senate committee that polices spending has asked Duffy to repay seven of his claims totaling \$16,955, despite last April's court decision.

It marks the first time since late March that a senator has been asked to reimburse questionable spending — an order Duffy is fighting and could soon be entitled to take up with a spe-

cial arbitrator. The arbitration process was originally set up to handle disputes arising from a federal audit of Senate spending — a review that missed Duffy initially, because he was under RCMP investigation and facing criminal charges.

Duffy has been subject to an audit once before on Senate orders, by auditing firm Deloitte. That 2013 audit looked only at his housing expenses and ended with a Senate committee or-

## SENATE EXPENSES

# \$16,995

The amount of money the Senate committee that polices spending has asked Mike Duffy to repay

dering Duffy to repay \$90,000, which he did after then-prime minister Stephen Harper's chief of staff, Nigel Wright, gave him the cash in order to take away a potential political headache for the Conservative government.

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## EMERGENCY

# Pilots make daring South Pole rescue

Two people who fell ill while working at the U.S. research station at the South Pole have been evacuated by a Canadian-owned Twin Otter turboprop plane that made the daring rescue flight in Antarctica's harsh winter.

The National Science Foundation said the two workers arrived safely late Wednesday in Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in Chile, after a long trip from the Amundsen-Scott station at the South Pole. They stopped for a few hours at a British station on the edge of Antarctica to be put on another plane.

"From Punta Arenas, the two patients aboard will be transported to a medical facility that can provide a level of care that is not available at Amundsen-Scott," said a statement from the National Science Foundation.

The foundation runs Amundsen-Scott and two other centres in Antarctica. It did not identify the sick workers or give their conditions, citing medical privacy.

At Magallanes Clinic in Punta Arenas, nurse Mauricio Seron said that a female patient "with a gastric problem" was the sicker of the two.

In a hectic two days of flying,

the rescue team flew the 4,800-kilometre roundtrip from Britain's Rothera station to the South Pole and returned to Rothera with the sick workers Wednesday, said Peter West, spokesman for the National Science Foundation. The workers were transferred to a second Canadian-owned Twin Otter plane for the flight to Punta Arenas.

Both Twin Otter planes are owned by Calgary-based Kenn Borek Air. At Rothera, the temperature was a balmy -2.5 C Wednesday after-

noon. That was toasty compared to the South Pole where it was -60 C in the morning.

West confirmed that the operation, coming right after the equinox, was the darkest and coldest of all past missions to the South Pole for medical evacuation. He said that the departure of the two workers should not affect the functioning of the base.

Steve Barnett, who works with a University of Wisconsin astronomy team at the polar station but is in the U.S. now, lauded the rescue crew.

"The courage of the pilots to make the flight in extremely harsh conditions is incredible and inspiring," Barnett wrote in an email. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this photo provided by the National Science Foundation, a small plane picks up a sick worker at the U.S. South Pole science station. ROBERT SCHWARZ/NSF VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## SYRIAN CRISIS

# Woman in head scarf in refugee ad raises concerns

Concerns raised by Canadians over the Liberal government's plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees included questions about whether the program should be advertised with a photo of a woman wearing a head scarf.

The photo was one of five put before eight focus groups run last November and December by the civil servants supporting the Prime Minister's Office. They were testing ads to promote the resettlement program and were told using that photo might create a problem, a perception most

common in the two Montreal groups.

"Some felt that by showing a single mother wearing a head scarf, this image may generate negative reactions among members of the general public who were reluctant to accept refugees by reinforcing some negative stereotypes associated with Syrian refugees," said a report on the discussions, posted online recently. Those who liked the picture said it sent an important message.

"The image showing a mother and a child was seen to elicit

compassion and showed the love of a mother for her child ... It elicited a desire to help them make a better living in Canada."

The photo of the woman in the head scarf and one featuring a group of children still appear on the Immigration Department's website as the push continues to settle Syrians.

The effort to bring 25,000 to Canada began in November and, questions about it were added to the meetings the Privy Council Office holds with groups across the country to discuss current events. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## + RESULTS

Those in Halifax and Vancouver, B.C. were most supportive, while participants from Toronto and Montreal were more divided.

Those ambivalent also felt that way, but wanted more time taken to ensure everything was done right.

Those who opposed it said Canadian needs should be met first.

## IN BRIEF

### Bowmanville Zoo closing

An Ontario zoo that recently came under fire after animal cruelty charges were laid against its owner says it will close its doors this fall. The Bowmanville Zoo says attendance is down. A zoo spokesman blamed the drop on allegations by PETA that led to charges against its owner after video surfaced that appeared to show him hitting a tiger with a whip.

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### 20% cap on temporary foreign workers remains

The federal government is freezing the 20 per cent cap on the number of low-wage temporary foreign workers a company can hire. Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk said the controversial temporary foreign worker program needs an overhaul and will announce her plan for more changes later this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS





Winnipeg Jets fan Heather Prevalnig with her "Winnipeg" team T-shirt from an airport store. TWITTER.COM

# Spelling shocker for Jets fan

## SPORTS

### Team T-shirt from gift shop misspells city as 'Winnepeg'

A lifelong Winnipeg Jets fan was shocked to learn she'd bought a team T-shirt with the city's name misspelled as Winnepeg.

Heather Prevalnig, 33, said she paid \$30 for the T-shirt at a Winnipeg airport store on her way home to Kelowna, B.C.

Her brother had been teasing her for days about her loyalties to her childhood hometown team.

"He was bugging me all weekend: 'Are you a Jets fan, are you a (Vancouver) Canucks fan?' I'm like, No, I'm a Jets fan, born and raised," she said.

Prevalnig, a recreation clerk with the City of Kelowna, said her dedication to the Jets began when she was a youngster playing minor hockey.

"I went to all the Jets games as a kid and I was part of the '90s Save the Jets campaign

and sold 50/50 tickets at Jets games in their old stadium."

So she snapped a selfie holding the shirt and fired it off to him.

He immediately pointed out the spelling mistake.

Prevalnig couldn't believe the error, especially because the T-shirt bore a tag with the NHL's official logo.

The shirt was manufactured by a Wareham, Mass., company called Soft As a Grape, and owner Allen Katzen said an employee who made the error feels awful about it.

"It was an honest error from an employee and for some reason it didn't go through a quality inspection like it should have," Katzen said.

"It's a serious situation, we made a mistake and we're doing everything we can to rectify it. The shirts have been recalled and we're reprinting them correctly."

Katzen said 48 shirts were produced with Winnepeg spelled incorrectly and not all of them were sold.

Prevalnig said she has heard from the gift shop in Winnipeg, which has promised to "make it right." CANADIAN PRESS

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# All eyes on Brexit results

The world watched with bated breath as the polls closed Thursday in Britain's historic referendum on membership in the European Union. Throughout the night, results were too close to call. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Staff count ballot papers at the Glasgow count centre at the Emirates Arena, Glasgow, Scotland, on Thursday after polls closed in the referendum on whether the U.K. will remain in or leave the European Union. Millions of Britons voted in a knife-edge referendum that could tear up the nation's EU membership. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Britain's referendum on whether to leave the European Union was too close to call early Friday, with increasingly mixed signals challenging earlier indications that "remain" had won a narrow victory.

The British pound soared after two leading supporters of the "leave" campaign said it appeared the pro-EU side had won, then plummeted as Britain's first counting areas reported their results. The stage was set for a nerve-racking night of ballot-counting after a day of high turnout and foul weather.

"It may be possible that the experts are going to have egg on their face later on tonight,"

University of Strathclyde political scientist John Curtice told the BBC after results from Newcastle showed worse-than-expected figures for pro-European vote. "It may be the first sign that the 'remain' side are not going to do as well as those early polls suggested."

A vote to leave the EU would destabilize the 28-nation trading bloc, created from the ashes of the Second World War to keep the peace in Europe. A "remain" vote would nonetheless leave Britain divided and the EU scrambling to reform.

As the polls closed Thursday, U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage set a downbeat tone for the supporters of a British exit — or Brexit

— from the EU, telling Sky News television "it looks like 'remain' will edge it" in the referendum.

But he walked back those comments in later, telling reporters at a "leave" party in central London that "maybe just under half, maybe just over half of the country" had voted to pull Britain out of the EU.

Pollster Ipsos MORI said a survey conducted on Wednesday and Thursday suggested the "remain" side would win Britain's EU referendum by a margin of 54 per cent to 46 per cent.

The overseas territory of Gibraltar was the first to report results late Thursday, and as

expected the British enclave reported an overwhelming vote for "remain" — 96 per cent.

There as elsewhere, turnout appeared high. Officials in Gibraltar said almost 84 per cent of eligible voters turned out to cast ballots. High turnout was expected to boost the "remain" vote, because "leave" supporters are thought to be more motivated. But high turnout in working-class areas that typically have lower tallies could also boost the "leave" vote.

Kevin Featherstone, the head of the European Institute, said that whichever way things went, the vote should serve as a wake-up call to politicians about re-engaging with voters.

## REFERENDUM

### Effect on Canada

The results of Thursday's Brexit referendum will send ripples around the globe. If the U.K. leaves the European Union, the news could hit Canadians on a number of fronts:

#### Fewer exports

Finance Minister Bill Morneau says Canadian businesses that invested in the U.K. to access the European market may be forced to rethink their strategies.

"We're watching in Canada and we're anxious," Morneau said. Canada could also lose out on some of the benefits of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), the country's trade agreement with the EU.

Canada exported almost \$16 billion worth of products to the U.K. in 2015, or about three per cent of total exports, which makes it Canada's third-largest trading partner behind the U.S. and China.

If the U.K. stays in the EU, that means big savings for Canadian businesses. But if the U.K. leaves, it would have to negotiate its own deal with Canada, a lengthy process that could take decades.

#### Lower returns

Canadian Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of England, has warned that a Brexit could trigger financial instability in the country. That's bad news for Canadians with investments in the U.K. Canadians invested almost \$69 billion in the U.K. in 2014, according to Statistics Canada, or 8.3 per cent of foreign investment.

#### Stronger U.S. dollar

A Brexit could throw the British economy into turmoil, weakening the pound against the U.S. dollar.

U.S. Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen warned that a hike to the dollar caused by European uncertainty could slow the U.S. economy by discouraging trade.

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## + FIRST RESULTS

- England's working-class northeast returned a smaller-than-expected "remain" win of 50.7 per cent in Newcastle and a bigger-than-expected "leave" vote of 61 per cent in nearby Sunderland.
- In Wales, the first four results showed 54 per cent in favour of "leave."
- Northern Ireland's first five voting areas were all for "remain."
- The "remain" vote was ahead in Scotland, although turnout there was below average.



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# U.S. Democrats end sit-in after 25 hours

## GUN CONTROL

### Republicans refuse to give in to calls for tighter rules

Exhausted but exuberant, House Democrats vowed to fight on for gun control Thursday as they ended their high-drama House floor sit-in with songs, prayers and defiant predictions of success. Republicans offered a dose of political reality, denying House Democratic demands and holding a Senate vote designed to show a bipartisan gun compromise

can't pass.

"They're trying to get on TV," House Speaker Paul Ryan complained in an angry denunciation of the Democrats' 25-hour occupation of the Capitol chamber.

Ryan said the House would not be giving in to Democrats' calls for votes on legislation expanding background checks for gun buyers and keeping people on the no-fly list from getting guns in the wake of the Orlando shooting.

Yet while they may have lost the legislative battles at hand, Democrats on both sides of the Capitol were congratulating themselves on a remarkable success in gaining attention

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### Public relations success

The public could see it all, because even after Republicans shut off the cameras in the House chamber, Democrats began recording the action on their cellphones, and C-SPAN and other networks carried the feeds.

for their demands for action to curb the widespread availability of firearms, first by a 15-hour Senate filibuster last week and then with their

extraordinary occupation of the House floor.

That latest effort broke up around midday Thursday after going through the night, even after Ryan moved up the Fourth of July recess and gave a chaotic House out of session in the early morning hours.

On Thursday Democrats streamed onto the steps of the East Front of the Capitol, where cheering crowds welcomed them. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, the civil rights icon who helped lead the sit-in, urged the crowd not to give up and to vote in the fall elections.

"The fight is not over. This is just one step" Lewis declared.

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## IN BRIEF

### N.Y.C. lawmakers approve free tampons proposal

New York City is on track to become the first American city to require free tampons and sanitary pads in public schools, homeless shelters and jails after lawmakers approved the idea Tuesday amid a national discussion of the costs of having a period. New York state lawmakers voted last month to become the sixth state to eliminate sales tax on the items.

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## FREDDIE GRAY CASE

### No evidence of crime: Judge



County Sheriffs officers gather in Baltimore after Officer Caesar Goodson was acquitted in the death of Freddie Gray. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

A judge explained why he found a police driver not guilty in the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man whose neck was broken on the way to the station: He didn't see any evidence of a crime.

Baltimore Judge Barry Williams ruled Thursday that the state failed to prove Officer Caesar Goodson committed murder, manslaughter, assault, reckless endangerment or misconduct in office.

Goodson was the only one of the six officers charged in Gray's death to be accused of

murder. He's the second to be found not guilty, and another officer's case ended in a mistrial.

The judge said Goodson wouldn't have been able to determine whether Gray was injured between the second and fifth stops on the 45-minute trip, because only after the van finally arrived at the Western District station house did officers observe Gray with blood and saliva on his face, and evidence that he'd become incontinent, Williams said.

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# Work-life demand grows

## EMPLOYMENT

### Young workers want clearer office, home divisions

The work-life balance in European countries seems the stuff of dreams to many Canadians.

France has a 35-hour work week and recently gave employees the right to disconnect from email after they leave the office.

Sweden, meanwhile, offers workers a minimum five weeks paid vacation time.

And many Scandinavian companies have implemented a system of flexible hours and working from home as management encourages employees to craft schedules that fit their personal needs.

While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau managed to sneak a day off during a recent work trip abroad to celebrate his wedding anniversary, that kind of flexibility isn't afforded to most working Canadians despite work-life balance being



Linda Duxbury, a professor at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business, tends to her garden at her home in Ottawa, on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

a hot topic for years.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development has found that the average Canadian works 1,704 hours annually, more than in Germany and Australia although less than those ap-

parently tireless workers in the United States.

But as younger generations in Canada move into the workforce and demand more scheduling flexibility and clearer divisions between the office and home, companies will have

to do more than just talk the talk and actually implement concrete policies to attract and keep talented workers, says one researcher who's studied the issue here for more than 20 years.

"Balance is not going to be

**“Balance is not going to be an optional discussion point pretty soon.”**

Linda Duxbury

an optional discussion point pretty soon,” said Linda Duxbury, a professor at Carleton University's Sprott School of Business. “To keep younger talent, you're going to have to deliver on it.”

Employees crave a supportive work culture that enables a work-life balance, said Lidia Pawlikowski, a senior consultant of health and wellness at Morneau Shepell, a human resources consulting company founded by the father of Canada's current finance minister, Bill Morneau.

Workers want to take guilt-free lunch breaks, squeeze a workout into their day and not remain glued to their smartphones after hours, she said.

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## RECREATION

### Gen Xers buy more cottages

A new report from realtor Royal LePage says members of so-called Generation X (identified in the report as those aged 36 to 51) are buying twice as many cottages as Baby Boomers (those between 52 and 70).

The report says retirement planning and vacationing are among the reasons most often cited by those looking to purchase recreational properties.

Royal LePage says the typical cottage buyer is a couple with children, most likely in the Generation X demographic.

The report says foreign buyers — predominantly from the United States — make up 10 per cent or less of Canada's recreational property market.

“A majority of respondents identified retirement as a driving factor for a recreational property purchase consideration, but Gen Xers, still decades from retirement, were identified as the typical buyer in the current market,” Phil Soper, president and CEO of Royal LePage, said in a statement.

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**THAT'S RUFF**  
A psychology study suggests we should teach teens the way we train dogs: With simple rewards. Trying to reason with them? Well, that's barking mad.

**DECODED** Sports injuries

## WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH TURF TOE?

Toronto Blue Jays star Jose Bautista lost a fight with a solid wall at the edge of the outfield during a game against the Phillies in Philadelphia last week. He smashed right into it, foot first, and was diagnosed with turf toe. He earned himself a 15-day disability leave and has to wear a walking boot.

**What is turf toe anyways? We explain.**



**WHAT IS TURF TOE?**

Turf toe is a sprain to the ligament of the first **metatarsophalangeal joint**. That means the flexible, tough connective tissues around the large big-toe joint are stretched and damaged, sometimes torn.



**WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?**

Swelling and pain are treated with ice and anti-inflammatory meds and the foot is stabilized to prevent further injury. If there are complications or severely torn tissues, surgery may be needed.

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The big toe (or, to use medical lingo, the **great toe or Hallux**) is one of the leading sources of athletic injuries. Without a functioning big toe, an athlete can lose "push-off strength" — aka Bautista's ability to sail off of first base. In nastier cases, without effective treatment, such an injury can eventually lead to deformity, chronic pain or joint degeneration (arthritis).

**HOW DOES TURF TOE HAPPEN?**

The most common way is **hyperextension**: As the foot is smashed into the ground (or, say, an outfield wall), the large big-toe joint bends too far upward, outside of its natural range of motion.

**FINDINGS**  
Your week in science



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**PINK HILLS**

It's not as delicious as it sounds: Watermelon Snow is the nickname given the pink algae blooming across the European Arctic. Rose-hued snow reflects 13 per cent less sunlight than the white stuff. That makes the ground and air heat up more, creating slushy puddles — the algae's favourite habitat. And so begins a vicious cycle.

**DIETER'S DREAM**

Chocolate with less than 36 per cent fat doesn't melt nicely and tends to clog factory machines. But a new study shows jolting low-fat chocolate with electricity helps it flow, creating a tasty candy with 10 per cent less fat.

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**DEFINITION**

**A Eukaryote** is a living thing with cells that contain a nucleus (a cellular "brain" with DNA) and organelles (cellular organs) enclosed in membranes. **All species are eukaryotes except bacteria and archae**, which are prokaryotes.

**USE IT IN A SENTENCE**

"Javier is so dim. If not for the fact that he definitely is made up of more than one cell, I wouldn't even believe he's a **eukaryote**."

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John Mills has always had a love for water, boats and all things marine. This lifelong passion turned into a business in 1979 when he founded Seamasters in Dartmouth. More than 35 years later, they're a well-known name in the marine community. John's children, Chris and Tara are the second generation to work in the business and they wouldn't have it any other way. "We grew up in the business", says Chris. "Dad told us we could work anywhere, but for us, it was an easy choice. We wanted to be part of the Seamasters family," he adds.

Jump to early 2016. What do you do once you've conquered the water? For this entrepreneurial family, conquering land had been battled around. And a chance to leverage a long-standing relationship with Yamaha Motor Canada made it real. "We've been Yamaha people since my first order of 10 outboards in 1989. The quality and reliability of the product, our relationship with the company and the loyalty of Yamaha customers is second to none," says John. So when the opportunity arose to become an exclusive full-line Yamaha motorsport and power products dealer, it was an easy decision to make.

But from the first conversation, Chris and Tara also knew they wanted to create a different experience for motorsports enthusiasts. "The word dealership made us uncomfortable. It felt impersonal. We wanted a shop that was comfortable, welcoming and fun to hang out at," she says with a smile. "That was the vision and that's what Liberty CC Motorsports is all about. It's a destination for motorsport enthusiasts," she adds.

And when you walk into the brand new shop at 1 Ralston Avenue, you can feel the difference right away. The entire space was designed without a set of plans. Just a creative vision from the minds of Chris and Tara. The showroom feels more like a clubhouse than anything else with modern and natural elements including stone, wood, concrete and steel. The bikes, scooters, ATVs, side-by-sides and snowmobiles are all accessible so customers can get up close, unlike warehouse dealerships where products are jammed in row upon row.

Being an exclusive Yamaha shop is another big difference. For Chris, Tara and John, they could never quite figure out how you could sell a number of competing motorsport brands and do them all justice. "We've picked the brand we truly believe is the best and we sell and service the entire lineup from the smallest to largest vehicles. We also carry the full line of Yamaha power products including pressure washers, generators and snowblowers. You simply won't

find that level of focused product knowledge and passion for Yamaha any place else," says John. And with the level of innovation that Yamaha is building into their products from revolutionary turbo-charged snowmobiles to the Yamaha YXZ 1000 pure sport side-by-side, there's never been a better time to be a Yamaha dealer or rider.

Looking after Yamaha riders and their rides is another big part of the Liberty CC experience. Liberty has two Red Seal Certified mechanics on staff -the highest level of qualification in Canada. Other shops might have one, or none. "These guys live and breathe only Yamaha products, and that makes a big difference when you get to know the machines on that level," comments Chris.

There's no question that Liberty CC is the destination for Yamaha enthusiasts, but they're quick to point out that all enthusiasts are welcome at Liberty. The parts department can source a huge variety of aftermarket accessories for all makes and models, and every rider will appreciate the selection of brand name gear from top brands including Bell, Zox and Arai helmets, Alpinestars, Thor MX and 100% goggles and eyewear. Liberty is also the exclusive home for European riding gear brand Rev'it!. "And of course if you want to make a fashion statement, we've got some pretty cool Liberty CC stuff," says Tara.

*Chris and Tara sum it up best when they say, "We wanted to create a place where riders could just come and hang out. We built it to feel like home and we filled it with the best quality products. There's nothing here that we wouldn't personally be proud to own. We can't wait to greet every visitor with a friendly, welcome to Liberty CC."*

Liberty CC is open Monday to Friday 9-6 and Saturday 9-3. And this Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> they'll celebrate their **GRAND OPENING** with a barbecue and free product giveaways including helmets, jackets and other merchandise all day. The Yamaha Power Truck will also make its only stop in HRM. This rig is loaded with all the new Yamaha models. All you need is a helmet, riding apparel and a license to test ride them. Liberty CC is also thrilled to have the president of Yamaha Motor Canada in attendance. And as if that's not grand enough you can also **ENTER TO WIN A YAMAHA YZF R3**.

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An alien spaceship wreaks havoc in the skies above a fleeing ship in Independence Day: Resurgence. But you can relax: You know the superheroes are looking after everything. CONTRIBUTED

## Superheroes save your world

### PSYCHOLOGY

#### Apocalyptic plot lines help audiences deal with stress

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



In today's world it's not enough to be a hero. Now you must be a superhero. Liberating a cat from a tree or performing the Heimlich manoeuvre is considered HeroLite™.

Unlike the old days when

square-jawed movie stars rescued damsels in distress or battled cold-hearted landlords, today's champions won't get out of bed for anything less than the threat of complete world annihilation.

This weekend the heroes of Independence Day: Resurgence join Mystique, Quicksilver, Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, Donatello, Captain America and legendary do-gooders Batman and Superman in some good, old-fashioned world saving.

The 20-years-in-the-making sequel to Will Smith's mega-hit sees aliens from outside the Solar System attack our planet. It's life and death on

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**The Shallows** ★★  
**Free State of Jones** ★  
**The Neon Demon** ★★★  
**Tickled** ★★

**HOW RATING WORKS**  
★★★★ SEE IT  
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a planetary scale.

It's not a surprise the stories are getting larger and louder. Audiences want a big bang for their buck and Hollywood is pleased to oblige with high-stakes situations that provide frenetic action and happy endings (unless, of course you're rooting for the bad guy).

These days Hollywood also

looks to overseas markets for mega-revenue and presenting globe-spanning stories helps to attract crowds in other countries. Business aside, why have audiences embraced world-on-the-brink movies?

Films, says Dr. Norman Holland, Marston-Milbauer Eminent Scholar Emeritus at the University of Florida, work on

different parts of your brain.

"The parts that turn off are the parts that plan action because you're not going to act on what you see on the screen in front of you," he says.

"You accept the most improbable things, like Stars Wars or Spider-Man or whatever.

"At the same time the lower centres of your brain are generating emotions like mad in response to what you're seeing. This is the peculiar phenomenon that you can feel and care about these people on the screen while at the same time knowing they are nothing but a fiction."

In these heroic tales good almost always wins out, a com-

forting antidote to the nightly news where stories often don't have happy endings. It makes us feel good, but, as Dr. Holland notes, it's also restful.

"As you know they are re-designing movie theatres with recliner chairs so you can sleep through the movie," he says.

"Yes, it is relaxing. This is the part of your brain that worries, that plans for the future, that is concerned about the state of your body.

"All that shuts down. It's restful, no question."

Going to the movies is restful? Good for us? Seems like in our busy, stressful world it's the films that are the heroes, not the characters.

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# Fact checking Free State of Jones

CIVIL WAR

## Filmmaker aimed for transparency in 'true story'

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro Canada



When you see a movie that claims to be "based on a true story", do you often wonder just how much of it is fact versus fiction?

So does Gary Ross.

That's partially why the filmmaker behind the new Civil War-era drama *Free State of Jones* has designed his movie's website to defiantly outline in detail what was unofficial and what was authentic.

"It's a true companion piece to the film and they really do go together," explained the four-time Oscar-nominee from New York.

"There's a higher burden in this. I think the civil war is used as a political instrument by people who have



Gary Ross, left, rehearses a scene with the cast of *Free State of Jones*. CONTRIBUTED

**I think the Civil War is used as a political instrument by people who have present-tense agendas so I thought it was very important to be transparent**

Filmmaker Gary Ross

present-tense agendas so I thought it was very important to be transparent so that it didn't become a topic of debate or people pulling at

one end of the political rope or the other."

While the biography of Newton Knight (who united runaway slaves and farmers

to rebel against the Confederacy) may be set in the distant mid-19th Century, the story's themes are surprisingly still current.

In fact, the drama's issues of race and class are eerily poignant in the wake of last year's Confederate flag debate — reason enough for Ross to be vigilant with accuracy.

"You can't treat it glibly," said Ross, who realizes much of history is now absorbed by

## ROSS REFLECTS

**Gary Ross on his three biggest movies:**

### Seabiscuit (2003)

"It was a wonderful world," said Ross of the Oscar-nominated true story of a beloved racehorse. "I loved shooting on the race tracks. It was very athletic in every respect — with the filmmaking and the subject matter itself."

### Big (1988)

"Both Tom Hanks and me (were) innocent in

everyway," said Ross of his first screenplay. "There was just a feeling of newness and enthusiasm that I think both informed the subject matter and the experience."

### The Hunger Games (2012)

"Shooting that movie was really fun," recalled Ross, who directed the first of the sci-fi franchise. "One the reasons I didn't move on with the sequels was that Jones was such a labour of love."

means other than textbooks.

"Because people get so much of their information from pop culture, there is a responsibility to apply a certain kind of rigor to it."

Casting Matthew McConaughey was a crucial component in the movie's credibility as well.

Not only does the Texan actor look related to the Southern freedom fighter, but he's clearly a thespian who care-

fully chooses his roles. "He's very, very focused."

"He has a lot of rigor in his process and he's incredibly prepared," said Ross of the Oscar-winning star.

"There's so many millions of things that go into shaping a culture, a person that you can't just replicate in the acting process so I was very lucky to have somebody with his stature, with his depth of talent who could do this."

INDEPENDENCE DAY

## What will the aliens destroy?

Those pesky space aliens of Independence Day didn't leave much room for a sequel when they first attacked Earth in 1996.

They trashed an estimated 108 of our planet's cities, including many of the major ones: New York, Washington, D.C. and London among them.

They also knocked down iconic edifices across the globe, including the Statue of Liberty, the White House, Big Ben and the Taj Mahal.

"They like to get the landmarks," says Jeff Goldblum's scientist character David Levinson, who is fond of stating the obvious, in the many trailers, teasers and clips for Independence Day: Resurgence, opening Friday.

Yes, director Roland Emmerich somehow found a way back into his invading E.T. story from two decades ago, even with the absence of Will Smith, the breakout star from that blockbuster, who opted not to return.

There have been no press previews for *Resurgence*, which is never a good sign. But we can guess at least a few of the targets of destruction from what glimpses we have been given, including the goofy new alien strategy of using one city to bash another. Here's what we think we know of what the space critters are up to:



**There have been no press previews for Independence Day: Resurgence (never a good sign for a movie), so we had to speculate on what will happen based on the trailer footage.**

CONTRIBUTED

### Atlantic Ocean

Levinson's gnarly dad Julius (Judd Hirsch) also returns for the sequel, and he seems to be in charge of handling a lot of the exposition.

"It's touchdown over the Atlantic!" he yells, when the aliens make Earth contact.

"Which part?" somebody yells back.

"All of it!"

London again ... and also Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. What, blowing up London again? Yes, luv.

But it's not just Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament getting splintered this time. Those

dastardly space thingies have a new trick up their sleeve.

They scoop up Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Twin Towers and use that to destroy London Tower Bridge.

Then they take Dubai's needle-shaped Burj Khalifa tower, the tallest structure in the world, and poke it into (or near) the London Eye, a giant Ferris wheel on the south bank of the River Thames.

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# Self-taught Kiwi auteur schools industry in cool

## INTERNATIONAL FILM

### Hunt for the Wilderpeople is Waititi's latest unique film

Steve Gow  
For Metro Canada



The name Taika Waititi may not be a household name in Canada, but he's still the second most famous filmmaker from New Zealand.

In a country that has spawned such luminaries as Jane Campion (*The Piano*), Waititi sits only behind Lord of the Rings-helmer Peter Jackson as the island nation's most successful auteur with smash hits *Boy* and this year's *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*.

In fact, the latter (which opens in Canada Friday) has earned more than *The Jungle Book* and *Deadpool* combined at the Kiwi box office. Not bad for a guy who never even attended film school.

"I went to school and hated that and went to university and hated that. By the end I went, 'I'm never going to go to an institution to learn anything,'" laughed Waititi recently from Australia.

Teaching himself the trade, the 40-year-old understands a movie set is full of experts to rely on.

"That's what I do. I still don't know all the names of the gear on a film set."

If Waititi is joking, it's certainly not the first time. As longtime pals of Jemaine Clement, he got his start collaborating on the comedian's HBO series *Flight of the Conchords* before moving into features with quirky 2007 rom-com *Eagle vs Shark*.

Nearly a decade later and the 40-year-old has uncovered success at home and been headhunted by Hollywood to direct Marvel's forthcoming superhero blockbuster *Thor: Ragnarok*.

"I'm very relaxed about it," admitted Waititi. "I don't know if that's a bad thing. Maybe you're supposed to be really stressed out when you do these things."

But Waititi is full of natural confidence and opti-



Filmmaker Taika Waititi says he still doesn't know the names of all the gear on set. CONTRIBUTED

mism. In fact, it's something that's clear in his catalogue of affirming films focused on underdogs.

In the case of *Wilderpeople*, he pairs a defiant teen and his crusty foster uncle in an '80s-inspired romp through the New Zealand wilderness.

"I've become less stressed out about everything," re-

flected Waititi about his growth behind the camera, an epiphany that became obvious filming *Wilderpeople*.

"I remember sitting out in the elements and it was freezing (and I) realized my job is making people say lines and pretend to be emotional while standing on a mountain. It really is the coolest job!"



Waititi took his time working on this film — more than a decade. CONTRIBUTED

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## NEON DEMON

# Refn reinvents fetish genre



Elle Fanning plays a wannabe model turned sociopathic zombie in *The Neon Demon*. CONTRIBUTED

Danish director Nicolas Winding Refn is by his own admission a "fetish filmmaker."

This is not to say that his movies are choked with too-tight-corsets, PVC cat suits, 12-inch stiletto heels and riding crops, though you certainly might find these objects of erotic fixation littered about his pictures. No, the enfant terrible of the arthouse defines the term "fetish" in a much more singular way.

"To me, being a fetish filmmaker simply means I shoot what I want to see," Refn tells Metro. My goodness, what sights he sees in *The Neon Demon*.

Refn's latest fever dream is a slow-burning supernova of style-gone-sinister, an opulent wallow in the feral underbelly of the L.A. fashion model industry that serves as an excuse for Refn to saturate the screen with arch femininity, color, glitter and blood. Lots and lots of blood.

In it, actress Elle Fanning plays Jesse, a naïve waif who appears in Hollywood in search of a fantasy and instead finds a monstrous cabal of parasites who feed off her energy, literally and figuratively. Her transformation from an innocent to a sociopathic zombie plays out like a perversion of *The Wizard Of Oz* by way of *Suspiria* and is a film perhaps only Refn could have made.

"I shot it all in chronological

order," Refn admits.

"So, I was kind of figuring it out as I went. It quickly began to become apparent that it was more exciting to me to have this duel relationship between Jesse and herself. You know, on one hand she can be this deer in the headlights and then, on another hand, she can be an evil Dorothy. I think there are clues in the movie to this transformation that pop up again and again and again."

*The Neon Demon* grew organically out of a previously announced project, a horror film called *I Walk With The Dead* that was intended to reunite the director with his Drive star Carey Mulligan. But, in true fetish filmmaker fashion, Refn's attentions began to drift in pre-production and soon, he switched gears and began fixating on making a darker, more abstract sort of shocker.

"(The Neon Demon) kind of jumped out of that project and became something else," says the director. "I switched interests, which usually happens with me. I wanted to make something different, so I took all of my original ideas that I liked from the first film concept and continued evolving it and adding to it. It became *The Neon Demon*, naturally." *The Neon Demon* opens Friday. See it with someone you trust.

CHRIS ALEXANDER/METRO

# Why Tickled doc is no laughing matter

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## Filmmakers face threats for exposing secret world

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



The amiable David Farrier doesn't want to be talking to me right now. The New Zealand director was in our hemisphere to chat up his documentary *Tickled*.

"I wish I wasn't doing this now," he says.

"I wish there was no trailer. I wish there was no reviews. I wish people could hear about this thing called *Tickled*, a film about the sport of competitive endurance tickling and say, 'I've got nothing on, let's go to the movies and see what happens.' That's the dream. I wanted people to feel like they were on the same what the f—? journey I was with (co-director) Dylan (Reeve) when we made the film."

The story of *Tickled* begins when Farrier, a self-described "light fluffy journalist," came across a strange tickling video on the internet.

Thinking it would make a good story he contacted the makers of the video requesting an interview.

"I'm always trying to find a story no one has seen before," he says.

"I've been doing this for 10 years now and it's harder and harder to do that because everyone on Facebook is sharing the craziest things. But when I came across this tickling video alarm bells went off. You've got these young, model-esque men in bright Adidas clothes in a stark white room. One of them is tied down with shackles and they're tickling and having a great time."

"It jumped out at me because I genuinely thought it must be some sort of Adidas sponsored (video). I thought it was legit. It wasn't shot on a cell phone. It wasn't shot in someone's bedroom. It was shot in a studio and that costs money to rent. Aesthetically, it grabbed me."

When the video maker was slow to respond via email Farrier contacted them through a public Facebook page and that is when the story got



David Farrier, left, and Dylan Reeve (standing), the filmmakers behind *Tickled*. Farrier set out to make a documentary about competitive tickling, but what he found was much more nefarious. Below: A box of tickling implements. CONTRIBUTED



weird, troubling and took on the aura of a thriller. Imagine Michael Clayton with tickling and you get the idea.

The documentary sheds light in the dark corners of competitive endurance tickling.

There's alleged cyberbullying, blackmail and catfishing involved as Farrier takes viewers deeper into the subject matter.

"This company does so many strange things," Farrier says of the outfit that hosts the endurance tickling contests.

"I have to talk about it in obscure language, I'm sure you understand. Part of it is the game."

"They love tickling but, as it came out, they love bullying and abusing and derailing lives as well."

"When I came along I was another target."

Farrier says being the subject of threatening lawsuits didn't concern him too much.

"It's been two years now and I am so used to threats. Other things keep me up at night."

"Also, I'm an entertain-

ment journalist from New Zealand. I don't have money."

But the documentary subjects have been persistent. At the Los Angeles premiere last Friday, two men who feature in the documentary — David D'Amato and Kevin Clarke — confronted Reeve (Farrier was not at the premiere) and accused the pair of using recorded material they had agreed was off the record.

The circumstance that inspired his documentary is "an unusual thing," says Farrier.

"I still can't believe this happened," but he thinks the movie has messages beyond its obvious examination of cyber bullying.

"Hopefully those who come along will learn the simple lesson that not everything is as it seems," he says.

"If you are engaged in anything on the internet, look into it before you dive in. On a slightly cheesy level, just be yourself."

"If you are into something, as long as you're not hurting anyone, be loud and proud about it."

"Try and have that confidence."

"We're living in 2016 and we have a long way to go but if you can, try and be yourself, it will help you. Repression is bad."



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*Tickled* co-director David Farrier

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## DIALECT

**A girl may have no name, but she does have an accent**



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The voices in Game of Thrones are often as colourful as the characters themselves, and if you've ever looked in the bathroom mirror and given it your best "You know nothing Jon Snow," you're not alone.

John Fleming is a speech and dialect coach based in Toronto who teaches actors the ins and outs of accents and affectations. A Game of Thrones fan himself, he uses some Westerosi patios when he's working with actors.

## Sounding out Westeros

A map of Westeros — which looks suspiciously like Great Britain — will clue you in on who speaks with what kind of accent. The northern end of the fictional continent is, aurally speaking, analogous to the north of England, and so on.

"They've separated the seven kingdoms, to a degree, by dialect," explains Fleming. "So all the people from Winterfell speak with a northern accent; something a little bit closer to Manchester or up in that belt between Manchester and Scotland." Think: Ned Stark, Jon Snow.

"It works well geographically compared to the Lannisters," who all speak with what's called Received Pronunciation — the standard British accent associated with posh southerners.

While most GoT actors do hail from the U.K., many are masking their natural accents in favour of one that better fits their character. Here, Fleming helps us connect the dots between fictional characters and real-world speech.



## Tyrian Lannister

The outcast Lannister is a great example of an American putting on Received Pronunciation, says Fleming. Listen closely and you'll hear him distinctively halt his speech after nearly every phrase.

## Ser Davos

Ser Davos Seaworth is played by Irish-born Liam Cunningham "who has a very thick Irish accent," says Fleming. He is "one of the only people on the show who puts on a Geordie accent, which is from Newcastle ... right up in the northeast, near the Scottish border."

## Petyr Baelish, a.k.a. Little Finger

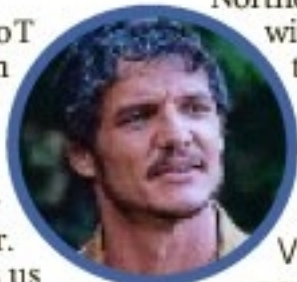
Aiden Gillan plays the former Master of Coin and brothel keeper everyone loves to hate. "He's Irish," notes Fleming, "but in The Wire, he spoke with perfect general American, even a little bit tinged with Baltimore." He notes a deliberate change in the actor's pronunciation as the show goes on. "When he was in King's Landing during the first couple of seasons, he spoke something that was quite close to Received Pronunciation. As soon as he left King's Landing, you started to hear more of his Irish qualities."

## Ygritte

Fleming tells us actress Rose Leslie is actually Scottish nobility, who was educated in England. Her natural speech is English, "but she puts on that very quintessential northern English accent" for the role.

## Oberyn Martell

The Martell's accent is "a little bit Spanish, and a little bit Arabic and so it gives it this kind of Northern African feel. It fits with the design elements they're going with" for Dorne, Fleming says.



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## Your staircase to Westeros

### TV TOURISM

**With the season coming to an end, relive GoT in Croatia**

**Vawn Himmelsbach**  
For Metro Canada

At the War Photo exhibit in Dubrovnik, there's an image that stands out: a sweeping staircase, eerily deserted during shelling that destroyed more than 60 per cent of the medieval walled city after Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

Two decades on, and this UNESCO heritage site has been restored to its former glory as the jewel of the Adriatic. And that staircase — now packed with tourists taking selfies — is known to millions of people around the world: It's where Cersei Lannister begins her "walk of shame" on *Game of Thrones*.

The TV series — based on the fantasy novels *A Song of Ice and Fire* and distributed by HBO — is filmed in multiple locations, from Iceland to Ireland, Morocco and Spain. In season one, the fictional fortified port city of King's Landing was filmed in Malta, but has now made its home in Dubrovnik (my GoT guide tells me it's because of significant tax breaks offered in Croatia).

But it's more than that. Sure, there's a lot of CGI in GoT — like dragons, White Walkers and such — but it wasn't hard



**This staircase in Dubrovnik's Old Town was used as the starting point for Cersei Lannister's walk of shame on the season five finale of *Game of Thrones*.** PHOTOS BY VAWN HIMMELSBACH

to transform Dubrovnik into the stronghold of the Lannister family, which uses the city's existing medieval fortifications, guard towers and narrow streets to double as King's Landing. They're the real deal.

Like this staircase, where Cersei begins her walk of shame in "Mother's Mercy." Just add an angry crowd, a High Sparrow and a naked Cersei — and voilà.

In fact, actress Lena Headey, who was pregnant at the time, used a body double for this scene, though she did multiple takes to act out the facial expressions — and, through the magic of post-production, her head appears on the body double.

Several key scenes were filmed in the Old Town: at the Pile and Ploče gate, on St. Dominika street and along the

city walls. Wander the streets and you might stumble upon Littlefinger's brothel, or walk in Daenerys' footsteps around Minčeta Tower where she disappears into the House of the Undying in Qarth.

Dubrovnik's Fort Lavrijenac was a stand-in for the Red Keep, and a number of scenes were filmed here, including the tournament thrown in honour of

King Joffrey's name day and the spot where The Hound saves Sansa from being raped.

Not only do you get a stunning view of the Adriatic Sea from atop Fort Lavrijenac, you'll also notice a parking lot on a dramatic rocky outcropping. Sure, it's a cool spot for a parking lot, but it's also where Joffrey's wedding/death scene was shot.

The nearby Island of Lokrum was used for scenes in Qarth. And Arboretum Trsteno — a renaissance garden dating back to the 15th century — doubles as the gardens of King's Landing. They're relatively untouched by CGI; you almost expect Varys to walk around the corner.



**Dubrovnik (above) is a stand-in for King's Landing, while Klis Fortress near Split (left) serves as the road to Meereen.**

Dubrovnik isn't the only Croatian location used in GoT, though. Split, further north on the Dalmatian coast, doubles as Meereen. Within Split's historic Diocletian's Palace, several scenes were filmed: from the dungeon where Tyrion unchains Daenerys' dragons to the spot where Ser Barristan is slain.

Head into the countryside to the ruins of Klis Fortress and you'll easily recognize the road to Meereen, where Daenerys freed the slaves and, later, crucified the masters. The fortress has a history just as interesting as a fictional story: ask your GoT guide about the "sky toilet."

Wandering through Croatia's historic sites, it may feel like you're on the set of GoT (there's even a replica of the iron throne on Lokrum). But while the night may be dark and full of terrors, Croatia is anything but.

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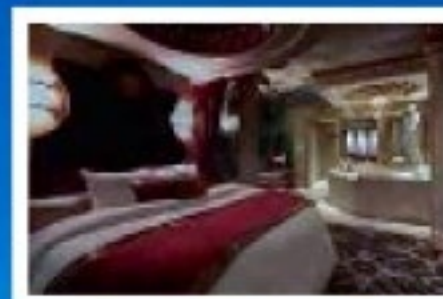


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## Top prospects ready to hear names announced

NHL

### Canadian carry high picks at draft

On the eve of finding out his hockey future, Logan Brown admitted to a case of the nerves. "It's tough," said the six-foot-six, 220-pound centre from the Windsor Spitfires. "Like it's the greatest time of my life, but it's also the worst. I'm ready for it to happen. Just real anxious."

Brown likely won't have to wait long. The big centre from Chesterfield, Mo., who is the son of former NHLer Jeff Brown, is ranked seventh among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting.

Canadian teams will figure prominently in Friday night's draft, with Toronto picking first, Winnipeg second, Edmonton fourth, Vancouver fifth, Calgary sixth, Montreal ninth and Ottawa 12th.

But Canadian talent may have to wait its turn behind U.S. and other foreign players.

American Auston Matthews is expected to go first overall, followed by Finns Patrik Laine and Jesse Puljujarvi.

Brown may be anxious but the well-spoken 18-year-old is mature enough to keep things in perspective.

"When you look at it closely, it's tough and it's stressful. But when you really look back and you look at the position that we're in, it's going to be awesome. We're getting drafted in the NHL (Friday) night. It's what I've been working for for about 16 years now."



**It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing ... I definitely don't take it for granted.**

Auston Matthews

Against a backdrop of Lake Erie, with the Edmund M. Cotter fireboat spouting water nearby for show, top prospects met the media Thursday afternoon.

While Brown admitted to butterflies, it seemed just another day at the office for Matthews. The six-foot-

two 216-pound centre, who excelled playing in the top Swiss league last season, was as cool as a cucumber in front of the media.

"I'm definitely enjoying it," he said of the pre-draft experi-



Windsor Spitfires forward Logan Brown checks Travis Konecny of the Ottawa 67's, and a 2015 Philadelphia Flyers draft pick, during OHL action last fall. Brown is ranked seventh among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting for this weekend's draft. DENNIS PAJOT/GETTY IMAGES

ence. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. Not every 18-year-old is in this position, in this situation. So for me, I definitely don't take it for granted."

Matthews seems ready for anything — even playing in

the fishbowl that is the Toronto Maple Leafs. He says he is unfazed by being tagged with a franchise centre label.

"To me it's fine. That's obviously what I want to be — a No. 1 centreman. I like watch-

ing guys like Anze Kopitar, Jonathan Toews. I think if you look at those two and how much of a factor they are to these teams, it's something I really like to watch."

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DEFLATEGATE

### Affleck slams NFL and Goodell

Ben Affleck gave former ESPN personality Bill Simmons' new HBO talk show a lively start with a five-minute, expletive-filled rant on "Deflategate."

During an interview on the Wednesday debut episode of Any Given Wednesday, Affleck passionately criticized the NFL and its commissioner, Roger Goodell, for suspending New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for using under-inflated balls during a 2015 playoff game.

The New England-raised Affleck called the issue a "ridiculous smear campaign" and questioned Goodell's integrity.

Affleck's appearance is being heavily discussed on social media. Some said he appeared to be drunk, while others said he was just an angry and passionate Patriots fan.

Affleck has acknowledged treatment for alcohol addiction more than a decade ago.

A representative for the actor didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Simmons tweeted that the interview was taped in the late morning and Affleck was simply "fired up."

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Ben Affleck  
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OLYMPICS

### McDowell turns down Rio tee time



Graeme McDowell GETTY IMAGES

Graeme McDowell rejected the chance to replace Rory McIlroy on the Irish Olympic team on Thursday, becoming the latest high-profile golfer to decline the chance to compete at the Rio de Janeiro Games.

While McIlroy cited concerns about the Zika virus, McDowell said in a statement on his Twitter account he decided months ago not to leave the United States while his wife expects their second child.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Vardy and Leicester agree on four more years

Jamie Vardy agreed to stay with Leicester on Thursday to spearhead their English Premier League title defence and first Champions League campaign.

The central England club announced its top scorer agreed to extend his contract by four years, appearing to end Arsenal's hopes of signing the striker.

Vardy, 29, has scored one goal for England in the group stage at Euro 2016.

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#### Canada loses to Croatia ahead of Olympic qualifier

Brady Heslip scored a team-high 15 points, but Canada lost 78-70 to Croatia in a men's basketball exhibition Thursday.

Tyler Ennis added 13 points for Canada, while Melvin Ejim contributed a team-best nine rebounds and four assists.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 18 points for Croatia.

Canada looks to qualify for the summer Olympics through a tournament next month in Manila.

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MLB

### Giants earn 12th win in last 14 games

Joe Panik hit a bases-loaded triple, Mac Williamson launched a 446-foot home run and the San Francisco Giants beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-3 Thursday for their 12th win in 14 games.

The Giants took three of four at Pittsburgh's PNC Park.

After hitting a key double late in Wednesday night's win, Panik put the Giants ahead 3-1 with his triple in the third inning. Williamson followed with an RBI single.

Williamson connected for

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**If you only get one hit a game, you have to make them count, right?**

Joe Panik

his second home run of the season in the sixth.

Pittsburgh has lost 11 of 14 and fell five games under .500.

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Wales forward Gareth Bale is tied for the lead at the Euros with three goals in three games. STU FORSTER/GETTY IMAGES

# Very British affair in Paris

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## Northern Ireland, Wales to clash on centre stage in France

In five transformational years, Wales and Northern Ireland have gone from playing in front of 529 fans to preparing for a British derby in the 45,000-cap-

acity Parc des Princes in Paris.

And rather than a meaningless friendly, as the 2011 fixture was, this time Wales and Northern Ireland will be meeting in the round of 16 at the European Championship.

No longer a soccer sideshow, these small British nations will take centre stage Saturday. There will even be an English referee, with Premier League official Martin Atkinson taking charge.

The start of the knockout phase is uncharted territory for

Wales and Northern Ireland as they make unexpected progress on their debuts in UEFA's continental showpiece.

"It's another new challenge, new experience," Wales forward Gareth Bale said, "and one I'm sure everybody will relish."

Few will relish facing Bale. The Real Madrid forward has taken to tournament soccer effortlessly, already the joint-leading scorer with three goals. Although Wales was beaten by England, Chris Coleman's side still advanced as Group

B winners.

Northern Ireland will be a different proposition to England, less ambitious going forward and more dogged at the back.

"We've got one of the best defences in the tournament," Northern Ireland forward Kyle Lafferty said. "I don't think they've been given enough praise for what they've done. It's going to be a tough game, but hopefully we'll be celebrating at the end."

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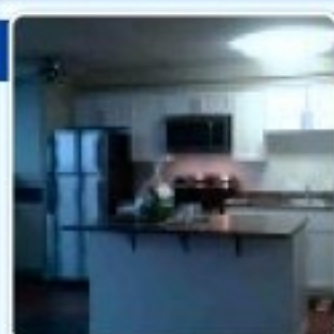
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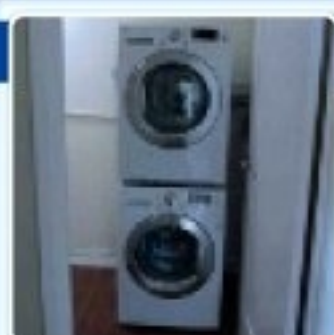
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Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 6 to 8 hours

## Ingredients

- 2 lb chicken thighs or breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp minced ginger
- 1 5 oz tube of tomato paste
- 1 heaping Tbsp curry
- 1 14 oz coconut milk

- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 Tbsp coconut oil
- small handful of cilantro for garnish

## Directions

1. Put everything in the slow cooker and stir it all around.
2. Close the lid.
3. Set the timer for 6 hours. Don't worry if you need to be away from home for 8 hours or longer — it will be okay.
4. Serve with a big spoonful of jasmine rice and a sprinkling of cilantro.

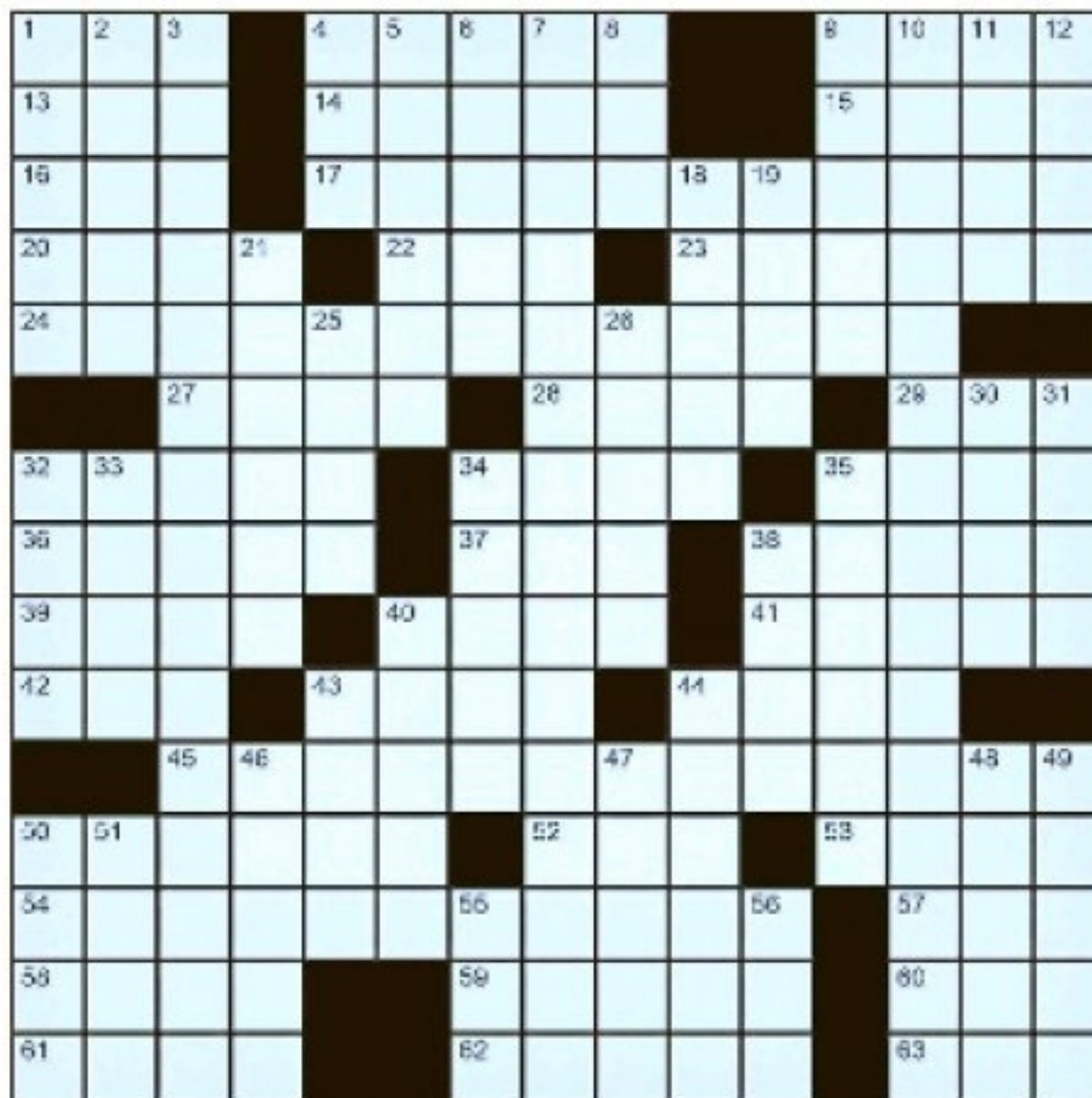
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## ACROSS

1. Industrial lettered material for an edgy dress
4. \_\_\_ are alike (Craft fair sign)
9. Shrinking sea in Central Asia
13. "She Loves You" repeated word
14. "Rings \_\_\_ Fingers" (1942) starring Gene Tierney and Henry Fonda
15. Naught
16. Ariz' completer (American state)
17. New exhibition at the Canadian War Museum: \_\_\_ - Air War, 1914 - 1918
20. Gang's territory
22. Sequence [abbr.]
23. Michelangelo's hammer
24. Bullpen warmer-upper: 2 wds.
27. Sufficient, fun-style
28. Oscar-winner Patricia
29. Table scrap
32. Shock weapon
34. Many a moon
35. Hellmann's, e.g.
36. Hence...: 2 wds.
37. Branch
38. Green hue
39. Proofreading term
40. \_\_\_ de Flandres (French stoneware)
41. Skilled at crafts
42. Beer barrel
43. '70s music genre, \_\_\_-Rock
44. Mr. Sharif
45. Threat in "Independ-



- ence Day: Resurgence" (2016): 2 wds.
50. \_\_\_ ship
52. Litigate
53. Blackthorn fruit
54. Where a loonie will get you lots: 2 wds.
57. Liq. measures
58. In a lazy-about way

59. Student on 1986 to 1991 comedy "Head of the Class"
60. Capture
61. Sweater necklines
62. "\_\_\_ Earp" (1994)
63. Li'l length units

## DOWN

1. Russian composer, \_\_\_ llych Tchaikovsky
2. Sports event locale
3. French President who famously said "Vive le Quebec libre!" in a 1967 speech in Montreal: 3 wds.
4. Show agreement
5. Unrepeated happening
6. Twyla \_\_\_ (Broadway/ballet choreographer)
7. Engaged couple's official gifts wish list: 2 wds.
8. NBA's Magic team,

- on scoreboards
9. Leg part
10. Gordon Lightfoot song with the word 'Canadian' in the title, what are the two other words?
11. "Zip-\_\_\_-Doo-Dah"
12. Endure
18. Famously lettered gyms
19. Montreal-born humourist Mort
21. Most exquisite
25. Overseas monetary unit
26. Abounds
30. Deli sandwich loaves
31. Broadway award
32. Chore
33. Feed the poker kitty
34. Mr. Eckhart
35. Quagmire
38. Priest of Tibet
40. Ms. Garson of movies (b.1904 - d.1996)
43. Leaning Tower locale
44. No longer dwelling on a problem: 2 wds.
46. Namesakes of Herman Munster's wife
47. La Vita \_\_\_ (Dante prose)
48. Moved, molasses-style
49. Chirpers' homes
50. Nero's 404
51. Didn't walk there
55. Carpentry tool
56. Toronto summer hrs.

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
For the next month, you have to deal with disputes about inheritances and shared property. You are ready to fight for your own rights and the rights of others.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Relations with partners and close friends will continue to be prone to conflict in the next month. This means you have to be patient and tolerant.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
In the next month, you will keep busting your buns to prove to everyone what you can do. Actually, you enjoy working hard, because you are productive!

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
It's fun city for you for the next months. Plan a vacation! Enjoy romance and love affairs. Playful times with children plus the arts and sports events will appeal.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Your home scene continues to be hectic and chaotic in the next month because of residential moves, renovations, visiting guests, whatever. Do your best to stay calm.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You continue to persuade others to agree with you in the next month. That's why this is a great time for writers, teachers, actors and anyone in sales and marketing.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You will work hard to earn money in the next month. Take note: You also will spend it freely!

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Fiery Mars continues to be in your sign for the next month, then it's gone for several years. This will pump your energy and give you lots of drive.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Secret deals as well as secret love affairs might take place in the next month. Be careful what you do, because you might be found out.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Competition with others, especially in physical sports, will still appeal to you in the next month. This is no surprise, because you are a perfectionist at heart.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Because your ambition is aroused in the next month, use this time to make your mark in the world. Now is the time to tell bosses, parents and teachers what you really want to do.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Travel for pleasure appeals to you in the next month. Whatever you do, grab every chance to learn more, have adventures and expand your horizons!

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